Amount given to the voluntary organisations under the Socio-Economic Programme and the Creche Scheme for the Children of Working and Ailing Mothers by the Central Social Welfare Board and the number of beneficiaries during the last three years is detailed below:—

Year	Socio-Economic Programme		Creches for Childreen Working & Ailing Mothers	
	Amount released	Number of beneficiaries	Amount released (Rupees in lakhs)	Number of beneficiaries
1985-86 . . .	256.97	6,777	559.99	2,00,925
1986-87 . . .	259 99	7,682	899.90	2,23,725
1987-88 . . .	299 99	8 ,544	11,72.71	2,55,250

Committee to study the plight of women

@3046. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a committee was appointed to study the plight of women;

(b) whether the issue of employment to eligible women was considered by this committee;

(c) what is the name of the Chairman of this committee; and

(d) whether the committee has submitted its report; if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) A Commission to study the condition of self employed women and women in the informal sector was set up.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Smt Ela R. Bhatt.

(d) Yes. Sir. A summary of report is contained in the statement attached herewith.

@Previously unstarred Question 2190, transferred from the 12th August, 1988.

Statement

The main recommendations made in the report are as follows:—

(i) All data collecting efforts should enlarge the definition of women workers to include all socially productive and reproductive labour paid and unpaid performed within the home or outside an employee or on own account.

(ii) The Mahila Mandals need to be energised which could provide a network throughout the country through which women could be organised.

(iii) Atleast 50 per cent of the developmental plans should flow to women in view of their contribution to family income and national income.

(iv) The women should be given control over assets, which can make their economic ventures viable in the long term

(v) 30 percent reservations in training programmes should be made for women.

(vi) In the State Governments, the responsibility for planning, coordinating, monitoring, evaluation of women's programmes should be entrusted to an officer of the rank of Financial Commissioner.

(vii) Setting up of an exclusive credit body for women, which should be effectively linked with voluntary agencies.

(viii) Alternative channels for providing marketing outlets for women need to be explored like consumer societies, cooperative societies, super market, State Emporia etc.

(ix) The right to employment should be made a fundamental right and this should be coupled with a right to a reasonable wage.

(x) Setting up of Equal Opportunities Commission with teeth to oversee the implementation of laws and policies involving women.

(xi) Establishment of Tripartite Boards in which workers will have as many representatives as the Government and employers with women workers getting representation in proportion to their numerical strength.

(xii) Setting up of a Central Fund from which welfare and social security measures for women could be financed.

(xiii) Providing Child Care and Supportive services to women.

(xiv) Measures for sensitisation of administrative machinery for bringing women into the main-stream of development.

Lakshmikantapur-Namkhana B.G. Line

3947. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the estimated cost for the construction of Lakshmikantapur-Namkhana broadgauge rail line; and

(b) by when the said project would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) 40.90 crores.

(b) Completion of the project will depend on the availability of resources in the coming years.

Paucity of EMU coaches

3948. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any paucity of EMU coaches in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken, so far, by Government to increase the production of EMU coaches so that more coaches are added to the sub-urban sections of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) There is no shortage for the current levels of service.

(c) Annual production capacity in ICF and M/s. Jessop is planned to be augmented.

Difficulties arising out of the implementation of New Pay-scales for Delhi Teachers

3949. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Joint Council of the Delhi Teachers Association have apprised the Minister of State for Education of the difficulties arising out of the implementation of the new pay scales;

(b) if so, what are the details and the issues/demands; and

(c) what action Government propose or have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) Subsequent to the issue of orders dated 12-8-1987 for revision of pay-scales of school teachers working in Union Territories and the Central autonomous bodies,